

# Phoenix Firebirds Youth Rugby Club

## PLAYER & PARENT CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT

As a member of the Phoenix Firebirds Youth Rugby Club, I agree to abide by the following code and to promote fair play and sportsmanship at all times towards coaches, parents, teammates, opponents, and match officials.

I also understand that I will be responsible for my actions and any consequences resulting from violation of this contract.

- Responsibility to your Team: I will make every effort to attend practices and to be on time at the games dressed in Firebirds uniform and ready to go when the Coach needs me. If I can not make practice or the game I will inform my Coach.
- Respect for your Team. Players support and encourage each other in good times and bad times. Players and supporters focus on positive support and encouragement of individuals and the team. Part of learning a sport involves making mistakes, so the priority is to emphasize the good effort and successes, even the small ones, so that the learning experience is positive and fun for the players. Work hard at practice, play fair, be a good teammate and give your best at all times.
- Respect for the opposition. Players respect the opposing team, shake their hands at the end of the game and do not insult or harass them or make otherwise derogatory comments. Supporters are encouraged to support the team, celebrating good effort, plays and results. Players and supporters do not engage in heckling or criticizing of the opposing team or their supporters.
- Respect for the referee. Only the captain or head coach can address the referee. Other players do not address the referee, and respectfully listen and reply when approached by the referee. Supporters do not heckle the referee.
- Safe environment for all. A player or parent must not before, during or after a match threaten or address a referee or touch judge in insulting terms, or act in a provocative manner towards a fellow player, parent, spectator, referee or touch judge.
- Steward of the Game. Players who represent their teams are ambassadors of Phoenix Firebirds, Rugby Arizona, USA Rugby, as well of the game of rugby in general. As such, each player is expected to be on good, responsible behavior at all times, both on and off the field.

This Contract is in effect as of the signing date until the culmination of the current season ending August 31<sup>st</sup>.

AS THE:

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ AND Player \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name) (print name)

Parent \_\_\_\_\_ AND Player \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(sign) (sign)

We have read the above rules and understand that we will be governed by these rules as members of Phoenix Firebirds Youth Rugby Club.

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## PERMISSION & RELEASE FORM

### PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE, RELEASE, INDEMNITY and AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND DENTAL TREATMENT

#### PERMISSION

The undersigned parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of (Player name below), hereby grant(s) permission for him/her to participate in the sport of rugby, and related activities, with the Phoenix Firebirds Youth Rugby Club and Phoenix Rugby Club. In granting this consent, the undersigned understands and acknowledges the physical nature of the sport of rugby and the risks inherent in such physical activity.

#### RELEASE AND INDEMNITY

In consideration for the above player being permitted to participate in the activity specified above, the undersigned agree(s) to not make or join in a claim or civil suit for injury, death or property damage against Phoenix Firebirds Youth Rugby Club or Phoenix Rugby Club or Rugby Arizona or the Arizona Rugby Football Union and its constituent bodies, the Arizona Rugby Referees Society and all affiliated entities, including, without limitation, their respective administrators, staff or volunteers participating in the above activity and hereby release(s) those entities, including, without limitation, their respective administrators, staff or volunteers, from all actions, claims and demands the undersigned or the player may hereafter have for injury, death or property damage, as consistent with public policy, arising out of participation in the activity specified above.

Further, if a claim or civil suit is made or brought against Phoenix Firebirds Youth Rugby Club or Phoenix Rugby Club or Rugby Arizona or the Arizona Rugby Football Union and its constituent bodies, the Arizona Rugby Referees Society and all affiliated entities, including, without limitation, their respective administrators, staff or volunteers as result of the actions of the above-named player for injury, death or property damage, the undersigned agree(s) to indemnify and hold harmless the aforementioned, including, without limitation, their administrators, staff or volunteers from any and all such claims, suits, damages, including judgments and/or settlements, whether such claims arise out of the negligence or intentional misconduct of the above-named player, whether such negligence is active or passive and whether individually or in concert with others.

#### AUTHORIZATION

The undersigned as parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the above named minor player hereby authorize and grant to the supervising or a participating adult permission in the event of illness or injury while participating the activity specified above to consent to the following: any X-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment and hospital care to be rendered to the minor under the general or special supervision and upon the advice of a physician and surgeon licensed under the provisions of the Medical Practice Act or to consent to an X-ray examination, anesthetic, dental or surgical diagnosis or treatment and hospital care to be rendered to the minor by a dentist licensed under the provision of the Dental Practice Act. Said authorization to include the release of any medical or dental records to the attending physician or dentist for review.

#### USE OF IMAGE OR LIKENESS

I irrevocably authorize the Phoenix Firebirds Youth Rugby Club or Phoenix Rugby Club to use for any lawful purpose, photographs and/or pictures of my image or likeness to be used in any website, newsletter, and any other marketing literature to be viewed by the public sector. I waive any right I have to inspect, approve all advertising or copies that may be used in connection with the publication of our website, newsletter, and/or any other marketing literature that may be viewed by the public sector. I have read, and fully understand this Release. I certify that I am 18 years old or if under 18 the parent/guardian fully understands the Release of the photographs to be used in Phoenix Firebirds Youth Rugby Club or Phoenix Rugby Club's or Rugby Arizona's website, newsletter, and any other marketing literature to be viewed by the public sector.

Name of Player: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Player: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Rugby Arizona Code of Conduct

It is the duty of all participants, including coaches, referees, players and spectators, to ensure that the game of Rugby at every level is played in accordance with disciplined and sporting behavior. We also have a special responsibility to ensure that our youth is given the best possible models of behavior so they may grow in the sport in the proper manner.

It is good for the sport to remember positive sideline or on-field behavior pays dividends. There will be consequences, including fines, sending off or bans for not abiding by these guidelines.

Rugby Arizona adopts the following guidelines from World Rugby, the international governing body for Rugby Union Football:

- No one but the referee and players are to be on the field during play. Coaches and water carriers may enter the field at stoppages such as after tries or during injury timeout. This also applies to the halftime break. Medical personnel may enter the field to attend to an injured player if the play has moved away from where the injury occurred. The referee shall stop play if it interferes with medical attention.
- No one may approach or talk to the referee at any time during play or stoppages when others may be allowed on the field. An exception to this can be the offering of water to the referee or if a team captain has a question for the referee. Disrespect toward the referee will not be tolerated and violators will be severely sanctioned.
- Coaches, players and spectators should positively encourage their teams during play. However, it is not acceptable for anyone on the sidelines to berate and criticize the referee or those playing. Severe sanctions will accompany such negative behavior.
- Players participating in a match should limit their talk to encouraging their teammates and addressing certain teammates when calling out plays or signals. It is not acceptable for players on one team to verbally challenge or criticize those on the opposing team. At no time, with the exception of the team captains, may players address the referee in any way. Players who don't abide this rule are liable to be sent off and face further sanctions.
- Players, coaches and spectators are also required to stay within their respective technical zones for the duration of the game. Violators are liable for sanctions, including being removed to beyond the spectator zone or removed from the location.

In short, positive sideline behavior is rewarded with the possibility of safe, hard and fast Rugby in an enjoyable environment for all participants. Negative behavior on the field and sidelines does nothing more than poison the game for everyone and violators will face sanctions which will be decided by the Rugby Arizona Discipline Committee.

## Print & Sign

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Role: (circle)      Player      Coach      Club Staff      Parent      Referee

Parent or guardian if under 18: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

